

EXECUTIVE ORDER
90-4
ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF WOMEN'S SERVICES

WHEREAS, Arizona has a deep commitment to equality of opportunity for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, one focus of that commitment is to eliminate any legal, social, political, educational, or economic discrimination which affects homemakers and working women alike, regardless of age, race, color, religion, national origin, or handicap, and whether in rural or urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of discrimination in such areas as employment, equal pay, education, the legal process, credit, insurance, and social security have a dramatic effect and contribute to the economic and social vulnerability of women and their families; and

WHEREAS, this State recognizes that by its assistance in these areas, it is furthering the pursuit of equal opportunity and self-sufficiency for all its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROSE MOFFORD, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby create the Governor's Office of Women's Services and delineate herein its mission and duties:

The Governor's Office of Women's Services shall identify concerns and formulate issues of importance to Arizona's women and advise the Governor on these issues. When appropriate, recommendations will be made for legislative or administrative action. The Office shall be committed to improving the quality of life for all of Arizona's women by working to alleviate critical problems confronting women as wives, parents, homemakers, and workers in rural and urban areas. To meet this commitment, the Office shall:

- 1) Identify barriers that prevent women from achieving goals, such as economic self-sufficiency, educational and employment opportunities, access to health care and health insurance, and equity in the legal system.
- 2) Provide recommendations, technical assistance and advice, as necessary, to the private sector, the executive and legislative branches of State government and the public and private educational systems on programs, policies, procedures, rules, and initiatives pertaining to the economic and social welfare of women.
- 3) Encourage the cooperation of departments, divisions, boards, commissions, or any other agencies or subdivisions of this State to effect policies and programs which advance the social and economic status of women.
- 4) Develop and distribute information on the status of women.
- 5) Encourage public and private organizations to establish cooperative efforts to improve women's economic and social opportunities.
- 6) Submit an annual report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate concerning the Office's activities, findings, recommendations, and expenditures.

The Office may:

- 1) Conduct statewide hearings and form special task forces.
- 2) Designate standing and special committees to give focus to concerns and priorities of the Office.
- 3) Plan and execute programs to advance the social and economic status of women.
- 4) Make and sign agreements and expend funds necessary to the Office's purpose and programs.
- 5) On behalf of the Governor, seek and accept private grants, and federal and state resources to advance the purposes of the Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Rose Mofford
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this fourth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fourteenth.

ATTEST:

Jim Shumway
Secretary of State



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